

Planning their future



About 200 kids from high schools across northwest Kansas came to the college planning conference at Colby Community College. **SAM DIETER/Colby Free Press**

Colby teen has second place entry in youth livestock show

The 80th Kansas Junior Livestock Show saw a 25-year high in livestock numbers, including an entry from Colby. Makayla Hoffman, of Colby, was one of 704 Kansas youth who exhibited 1,453 head of livestock at the show, September 21 to 24 in Wichita. Hoffman's heifer took the reserve champion place for the all other breeds breeding heifer category. Her angus breeding heifer took third place out of six entries in that category. The show is sponsored by the Kansas Livestock Association, Kansas State University and the Agri-Business Council of Wichita. Competitors came home with auction premiums and scholarships. Hoffman's was one of 272 head entered into the breeding heifer show. A Limousin female owned by Randee Corns of Eureka was judged supreme champion; a Chianina shown by Lauren Prill from Wichita was the reserve champion.

Other winners at the show: A 1,305 pound crossbred shown by Payton Stoppel of Russell bested a field of 124 head to become grand champion steer. Stoppel's steer was purchased by Elanco Animal Health, Ford County Feedyard, Micro and Kansas Feeds for \$12,544 during the auction of champions at the show's conclusion. Champion senior cattle showman was Hadley Schotte, Marysville, with Casey Jensen, Courtland, earning reserve. Taylor Nikkel, Maple Hill, earned top junior showman, while Grady Dickerson, Paradise, was named reserve. A 270 pound dark crossbred owned by Lane Mai of Russell took the grand champion market hog title. S.O.W. Corporation of Wichita paid \$3,085 for his hog during the premium sale. A Duroc owned by Dusty Wolf, Medora, bested 74 head to claim supreme champion honors in the first-ever breeding gilt show. Lauren Geis of Durham was named champion senior hog showman, while Campbell Martin, Bucklin, claimed the junior title. Blake Foraker, Burrton, showed the supreme champion in the first-ever commercial doe kid show. His entry bested 68 others to claim this honor. The Kansas Junior Livestock Show presented a record \$23,000 in scholarships to 13 kids. Awards of \$2,500 given to Blake Foraker, Burrton; Drew George, Uniontown; and Grace Hammer, Wallace. Tanner Aherin, Phillipsburg; Wyatt Pracht, Westphalia; and

Eli Sheppard, Olsburg, each were awarded \$2,000 scholarships. Receiving \$1,500 stipends were Kathryn Clawson, Satanta; Macey Dinkel, Abilene; Skyler Glenn, Holcomb; Logan McGinley, Wichita; and Kiersten Scott, Scott City. Marissa Bland of Lucas and Lauren Prill from Wichita both received \$1,000 scholarships. Teams from 10 states competed in the Mid America Classic Judging Contest. The senior college contest was won by Kansas State University, while second place was Texas A&M University. The top senior college judge was Colorado State University's Derrick Brown, followed by Calli Thomas from K-State. In the sophomore division of the junior college contest, Redlands Junior College placed first and Butler Community College came in second. These included the Taylor Frank, the high scoring individual, followed by Brady Jensen in second place. Teams from Butler topped the junior college freshman team competition, claiming both first and second. These included Colby Redifer at the top of the freshman contest and Jacob Heimsoth who took second place.

Thomas County Jail

Booked into the Thomas County jail:
 • Aaron Lee Nichols, 18, Colby, Sept. 27, probation violation, Thomas County Sheriff's Office, released Tuesday to other agency.
 • Ramsey Motuai Taviumi, 23, Colby, Oct. 4, disorderly conduct, abuse of a child, violation of protective order, criminal damage to property, criminal trespass, Oct. 4, Colby Police Department, released Thursday on \$100,000 appearance bond.
 • Kelly Don Smith, 42, Lauf-

man, Texas, Oct. 18, driving under the influence (second offense), Thomas County Sheriff, released Tuesday on \$50,000 appearance bond.
 • Liscia Louise Lawrence, 52, Hoxie, last Monday, failure to pay/driving while suspended, failure to appear, Thomas County Sheriff/Colby Police, released same day for restitution.
 • Micheal Lynn Schommer Jr., 33, Gove, last Monday, probation violation, Gove County Sheriff's Office, released Wednesday to

On the Beat

COLBY POLICE Thursday
 6:12 a.m. - Domestic: caller reported subject refusing to leave residence. No report; not a domestic disturbance.
 4:15 p.m. - Collision at Dillons. No report.
 7:01 p.m. - Helped subject who had fallen.
 10:24 p.m. - Helped ambulance crew on call.

THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF Thursday
 7:48 a.m. - Caller reported vehicle had no tail lights and only one headlight on when she passed it in the 2300 block of U.S. 24. Unable to locate.
 9:44 a.m. - Provided directions to motorist at County Rds. 2 and Z.
 11:43 a.m. - Vehicle identification number inspection for Tubbs and Sons Ford Sales.
 1:38 p.m. - Insufficient funds checks warrant served on Matthew Eugene Horinek.

Finnish couple take home first place from wife carrying contest in Maine

NEWRY, Maine (AP) - A Finnish couple has added to their victories by taking first place in the North American Wife Carrying Championship at Maine's Sunday River ski resort. Taisto Miettinen and Kristina Haapanen traveled from Helsinki, Finland - where they won the

World Wife Carrying Championship - for Saturday's contest. The *Sun Journal* (bit.ly/Q30QWq) reports that the couple finished with a time of 52.58 seconds on a course that includes hurdles, sand traps and a water hole. The winners receive the woman's weight in beer and five times

her weight in cash. For Miettinen and Haapanen, that meant a check for \$530. They shared their beer winnings with the second- and third-place finishers - Jesse Wall and Christine Arsenault of South Paris and David and Lacey Castro of Lewiston.

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